



FOOTBALL CANADA

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REEBOK NFL/CFL REGIONAL FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following regional winners will be represented at the National Championships that will be held during Super Bowl weekend, February 3 – 5, 2006 at The Soccer Place in Windsor.

Edmonton Regional Champions	Riverbend Junior High School
Calgary Regional Champions	Nickle Junior High 1
Regina Regional Champions	W. S. Hawrylak School
Winnipeg Regional Champions	Ecole River Heights
Montreal Regional Champions	Wilfrid Bastien
Ottawa Regional Champions	Cedarview Middle School
Toronto Regional Champions	DA Morrison vs. Williams Parkway (Dec. 8 th)
Hamilton Regional Champions	Immaculate Heart
Windsor Regional Champions	Windsor Minor Football
Vancouver Regional Champions	St. Helen's

CHATEAUGUAY RAIDERS WINS 3RD CONSECUTIVE MANSON CUP

Final Score - Chateauguay Raiders 18, Ottawa Sooners 16

On November 6th, the Chateauguay Raiders and the Ottawa Sooners met for the fourth consecutive year to battle for the Manson Cup. It is the first time that the Chateauguay Raiders were favoured to win by virtue of finishing first in the standings and hosting the game.

The game pitted the top two offences and the top defence of the 2005 QJFL season. The teams played in the first week of the season that had the Raiders defeat the Sooners by a score of 36 to 21 in Ottawa. It was fitting that the final outcome was based on the last play of the game. A missed field goal that would have had the Sooners tie the game and force overtime was the difference. Both teams deserved to win, but as sporting events go, only one team can.

Please see www.qjfl.ca for more information and stats.

EDMONTON HUSKIES WINS 2ND CONSECUTIVE CANADIAN BOWL

The Edmonton Huskies claimed their second consecutive Canadian Bowl with a 34-15 victory over the St. Leonard Cougars on Saturday, November 12th. The Cougars went undefeated in the Ontario Football Conference including two playoff games. The Huskies finished 53 in the Prairie Football Conference regular season then took their show on the road for four playoff games including travelling to Montreal for the 2005 Canadian Bowl.

Edmonton led 13-1 at the half. St Leonard came out strong in the third quarter scoring two quick touchdowns but the Huskies had other ideas, as they held firm, scoring 21 unanswered points for the victory.

The British Columbia Football Conference will host the 2006 Canadian Bowl. The Intergold Cup (CJFL Semi Final) will have the Ontario Football Conference champion traveling to the home of the Prairie Football Conference champion. The dates and times will be released when they become available.

Please see www.cjfl.ca for more information and stats.

NEW CJFL EXECUTIVE

The CJFL held its Annual General Meetings Thursday and Friday, November 10th - 11th during the Canadian Bowl festivities.

Ron Osterkamp of Calgary, AB was acclaimed Commissioner, as was the Deputy Commissioner Antonio (Tony) Iadaluca of St. Leonard, QC. Past Commissioner Douglas Ferne of Victoria, BC declined his nomination for personal and business reasons.

Mr. Osterkamp has confirmed the re-appointment of Media Coordinator Jack Emerson Low of Brantford, ON for 2006. The complete list of appointments will be released when they are confirmed.

2005 GINO FRACAS AWARD

Richard Urbanovich of the University of Manitoba is the 2005 recipient of the Gino Fracas Award as the Most Outstanding Volunteer Coach in Canadian University Football.

The award was presented on Friday, December 2, 2005 by Football Canada at the 2005 Desjardins Vanier Cup Awards Brunch. Named in honour of Gino Fracas, legendary coach at the Universities of Alberta and Windsor, the award recognizes outstanding career service by a volunteer assistant coach.

Richard has coached for 20 years, 15 of those years in the CIS at the University of Manitoba as the Bisons' defensive secondary coach. During that tenure he has served under three head coaches and is the longest-standing coach in Bison Football history. He has coached on Bison teams that went to Vanier Cup in 2001 and were nationally ranked #1 in 2002. Richard has coached 15 defensive backs that have gone to the CFL as draft choices or free agents.

Richard coached at both the community and high school levels before joining the Bison staff in 1991 and is described as one of Bison Sports and the Winnipeg sports community's most respected individuals. He has coached the Under 19 provincial team at various times over the past decade during the CIS off-season and has guest coached with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers for the last two years at training camp and through the CFL exhibition schedule.

Richard has presented at many coaching clinics and is highly recognized as being a technical coach and a great teacher, completing his Level 3 Technical and Practical components from the National Coaching Certification Program.

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL AWARDS

FRANK TINDALL TROPHY (Coach of the Year)

Quebec native **Glen Constantin** is the first member of the Laval University Rouge et Or to capture the Frank Tindall Trophy as CIS football coach of the year.

The native of Quebec City has enjoyed tremendous success in his five seasons at the helm of the Rouge et Or, and the 2005 campaign proved no different. Two-time defending Desjardins Vanier Cup champion Laval kept a perfect 8-0 record in the regular season and captured its third straight Dunsmore Cup as Quebec conference champion, setting a CIS record of 19 consecutive overall victories (dating back to 2004) in the process.

HEC CRIGHTON TROPHY (Outstanding Player)

Wide receiver **Andy Fantuz**, a social science student from the University of Western Ontario Mustangs, is the 2005 CIS football player of the year.

The 6-foot-4, 220-pound Mustang wideout led the nation in the regular season with 12 touchdown receptions, was tied atop the CIS leaderboard with 44 catches, and finished second in receiving yards (825). Named the CIS rookie of the year in 2002 after he set a single-season record with 1300 receiving yards, Fantuz completed his fourth university campaign holding arguably the three most prestigious CIS career receiving marks with 189 catches, 4123 yards and 41 touchdowns. He has been named an all-Canadian in each of his four seasons, including three times on the first team (2002, 2004, 2005).

RUSS JACKSON AWARD (Athletics, Academics, Community Involvement)

21-year-old **Dan Parker** of Mount Allison University Mounties is the second Mountie to claim the Russ Jackson Award since the inception of the trophy in 1986.

Parker, a fourth-year defensive end with the Mounties, maintained a 3.61 grade point average a year ago in his studies in commerce and economics, and has received numerous awards including the George Williams Memorial Scholarship, the Christine Milo Wilson Cruikshank Award, and the University Scholarship. Involved in many volunteer activities, the 21-year-old established the first ever University Chapter of the Canadian Liver Foundation.

Other Award Winners announced on Thursday night during the all-Canadian Ceremony at the Hamilton Convention Center include linebacker **Patrick Donovan** (Laconia, N.H.) of Concordia, who claimed the Presidents Trophy as the nation's best defensive player, centre **Dominic Picard** (Sainte-Foy, Que.) of Laval, presented with the J.P. Metras Trophy as outstanding down lineman, and defensive end **Martin Gagné** (Laval, Que.) of Montreal, who received the Peter Gorman Trophy as rookie of the year.

For all the info on the 2005 Desjardins Vanier Cup: www.vaniercup.com.

WILFRID LAURIER HAWKS WIN 2ND VANIER CUP

HAMILTON (CIS) - The Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks are the 2005 Canadian Interuniversity Sport football champions. Laurier, the 10th team in history and the first since Saint Mary's in 2001 to complete a perfect season, are also the first team from the OUA to claim the CIS banner since Western Ontario in 1994.

Fifth-year kicker Brian Devlin of Sarnia, Ont. booted a 32-yard field goal with 19 seconds remaining in the game to lead the third-ranked Hawks (12-0) to a 24-23 victory over the No. 2 Saskatchewan Huskies (11-1) in front of a crowd of 16,827 at Ivor Wynne Stadium.

Fifth-year quarterback Ryan Pyear of Belleville, Ont. claimed the Ted Morris Trophy as Desjardins Vanier Cup MVP. Pyear, who orchestrated an 11-play, 45-yard drive that took two minutes and seven seconds to set up the winning field goal, completed 20 of 30 passes for 254 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions.

The 2006 Vanier Cup will be played on Nov. 25 at Griffiths Stadium in Saskatoon, marking the first time ever the CIS championship game is contested outside of Ontario.

Please see http://www.cisport.ca/e/championships/vaniercup/2005/story_detail.cfm?id=6327 for the full story.

TEAM CANADA HEAD COACH MACIOCIA ADDS CFL GREY CUP TO NFL GLOBAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

Danny Maciocia began 2005 by winning a championship during Super Bowl week in Jacksonville and brought the year to a close with a Grey Cup victory north of the border in Vancouver, BC on Sunday, November 27th.

Maciocia, the rookie head coach of the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League, led his team to a 38-35 overtime victory over the Montreal Alouettes in front of a sellout 59,195 crowd at BC Place in the 93rd Grey Cup.

Maciocia also serves as head coach of Team Canada, the national junior team that will play at the NFL Global Junior Championship X in Detroit on January 25 and 29 as part of the Super Bowl XL festivities. In January Canada snapped a four-year Team USA winning streak by claiming the championship under Maciocia's leadership, beating a Jacksonville all-star team, also by a score of 38-35. Canada defeated Japan, Mexico and France to reach the Gold Medal game. Earlier this year Maciocia agreed to guide Team Canada for a further three years.

The NFL Global Junior Championship X is the first event of Super Bowl XL. All-star teams from Canada, Germany, Japan, Mexico and the United States will compete for the title of world champions. The teenage football all-stars will play a shootout-style jamboree tournament from 12pm to 10pm on Wednesday, January 25 to determine who will contest the Championship Game on Sunday, January 29 at 1pm. The Team USA challenge will be led by two-time Ohio state champion head coach Dick Cromwell of St. Francis De Sales High School in Toledo, OH.

Please see: <http://www.nflcanada.com/NFLCanada/News/2005/11/28/1327679.html> for the full story.

DAVE SMITH PASSES AWAY

Dave Smith, former trainer for the Ottawa Rough Riders, passed away at St. Vincent's Hospital on Monday, November 21, 2005.

A long and outstanding supporter of the football community, Dave volunteered many of his hours in amateur football as Medical Coordinator for Football Canada Cup the three years it was held in Ottawa.

He will be sorely missed by everyone in the football community. Our condolences go out to all his family and friends. As per his wishes, there were no remembrance or funeral services.

STAFFING UPDATE – TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Football Canada is pleased to announce the addition of Rick Sowieta to the National Office as Technical Director, effective January 9, 2006. He may be reached at (613) 564-2675 or via email at technical@footballcanada.com.

Bob Swan will remain at (613) 564-7751, however his email will change to business@footballcanada.com.

A former CFL player with Ottawa and Toronto, Rick brings a wealth of football knowledge and experience to the job as player, coach and football executive. He is a teacher and former business owner and operator.

Please join us in welcoming Rick to the Football Canada Family!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please note that the Football Canada office will be closed for the holidays from Friday December 23, 2005 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2006.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US AT FOOTBALL CANADA!!

Jack *Bob* *Jan* *John* *Tamara*